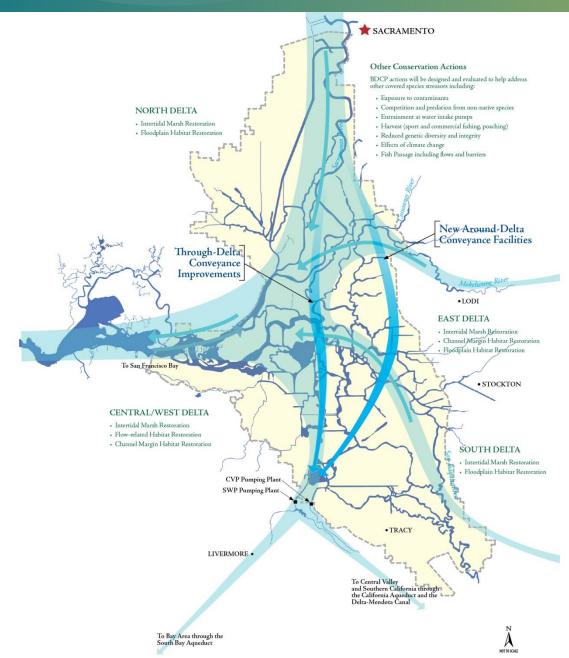


How are we developing a draft conservation strategy?



Building a strategy that contributes to the recovery of fish species over time





Identifying Conservation
Measures

Physical habitat restoration

- Land elevation
- Presence of natural communities
- Land uses and ownership
- connectivity

Biological Goals and Objectives

New and existing conveyance

- Facility design considerations
- Key operational parameters

Other Stressors

- Assess existing programs
- Assess state of science



# Biological Goals & Objectives



**Ecosystem Goals** 

hydro condition/ productivity/ distribution/connectivity/ pollutants/ non-natives

**Ecosystem Objectives** 

movement salinities/ migration zooplankton/ habitat & H20/ distribution Sources: muni/ ag/ other

Natural Community Goals/Objectives

Restore and enhance multiple habitat types across Delta [near & long term]

Species-Specific Goals

- Smelt
- Salmonids
- Sacramento splittail
- Sturgeon

Reduce mortalities/ improve populations/ improve fitness well distributed populations/ improve survivals/ fitness thru Delta [juvenile/adults]

Species-Specific Objectives Percent improvements in juvenile & adult survivals/ improve upstream passage/reduced rates of entertainment/ improve distribution of smelt

# Identifying Conservation Measures

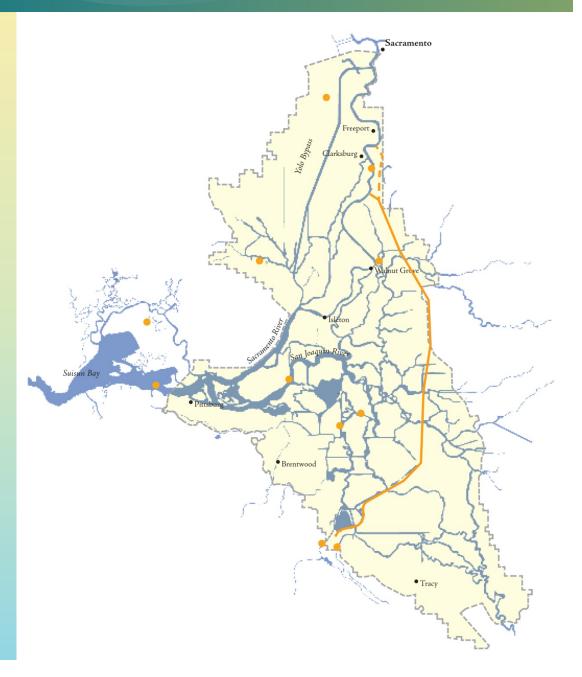
- Identified approximately 50 individual conservation measures for further analysis
- www.resources.ca.gov/bdcp
  - ➤ Water Operations Conservation Measures Third Draft, 10-31-08
  - ➤ Habitat Restoration Conservation Measures Third Draft, 10-31-08
  - ➤ Other Stressors Conservation Measures Third Draft, 10-31-08

# Principles

- Provide a Comprehensive Set of Conservation Measures to Recover Species
- Divert More Water in the Wetter Periods/Less in the Drier Periods
- Focus on Natural Biological and Physical Processes
- Build in Flexibility
- Address Scientific Uncertainty Directly Through Adaptive Management
- Provide for Reliable Water Supplies

# Overview of BDCP Draft Conservation Strategy

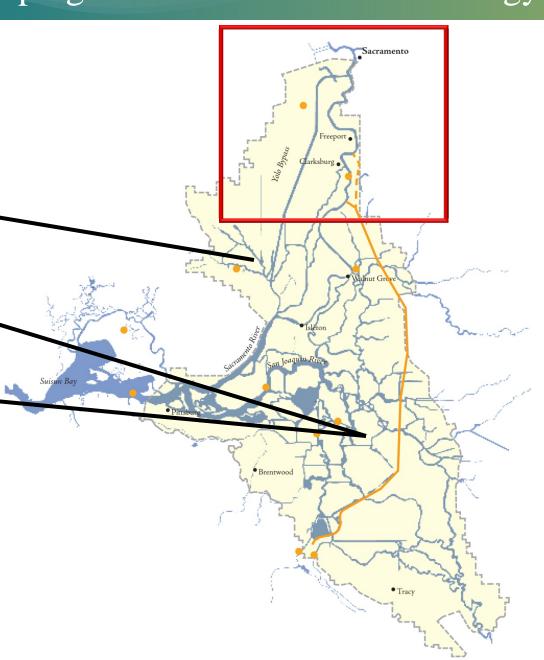
- Elements that shape the overall architecture of a new Delta hydrodynamic system
- Measures that both rehabilitate the Delta ecosystem and water supply system
- Implementable in a 5 to 15 year horizon





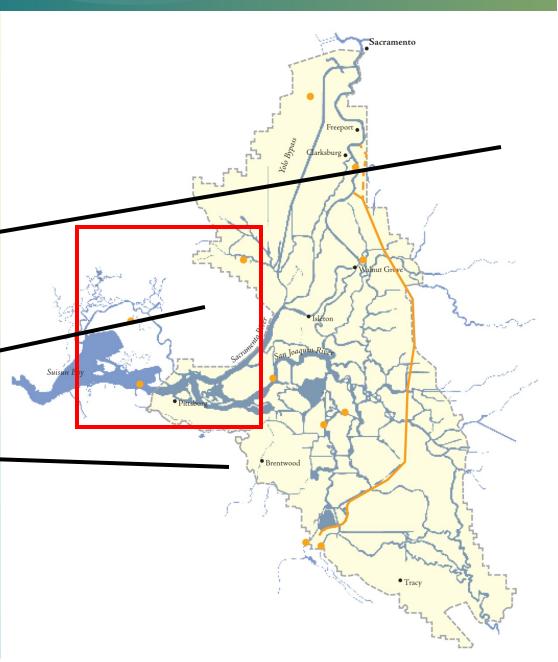
## Core Elements

- Modify Fremont Weir and Yolo Bypass
- New North Delta Diversion
- Hood Bypass Flow Criteria



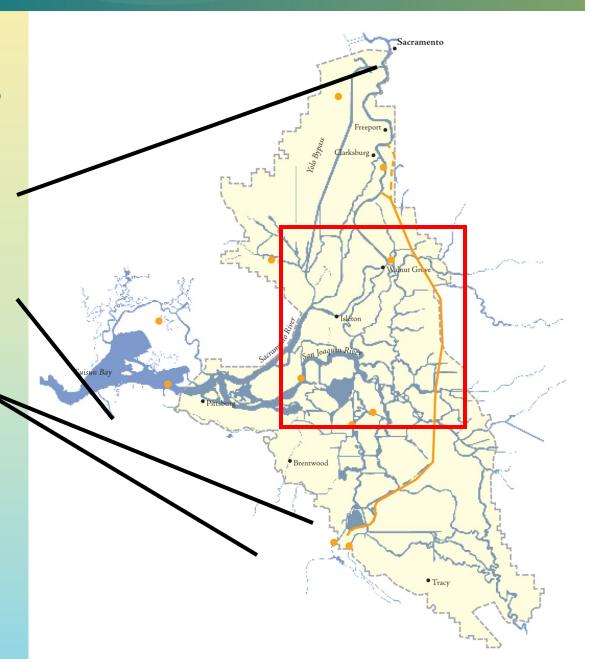
#### Core Elements

- Tidal Marsh Restoration in Cache Slough
   Complex
- Tidal Marsh Restoration in the Suisun Marsh Area
- Delta Outflow Targets



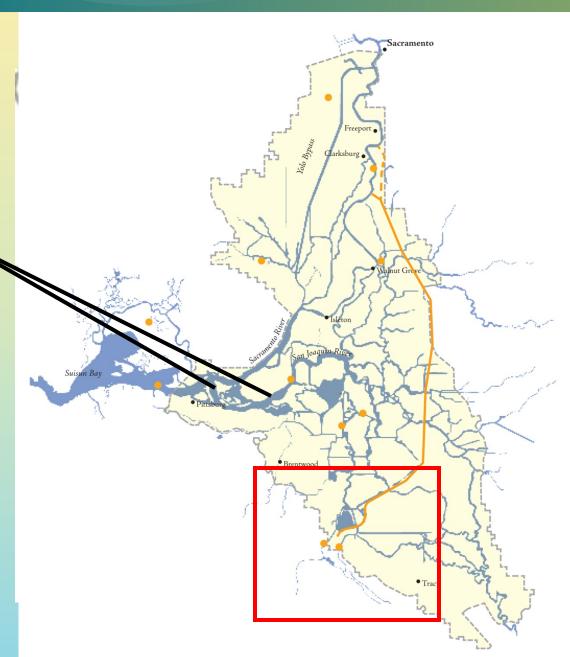
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- Delta Cross Channel Operations
- Strategic Tidal marsh
   Restoration
- Interim Tidal Gates

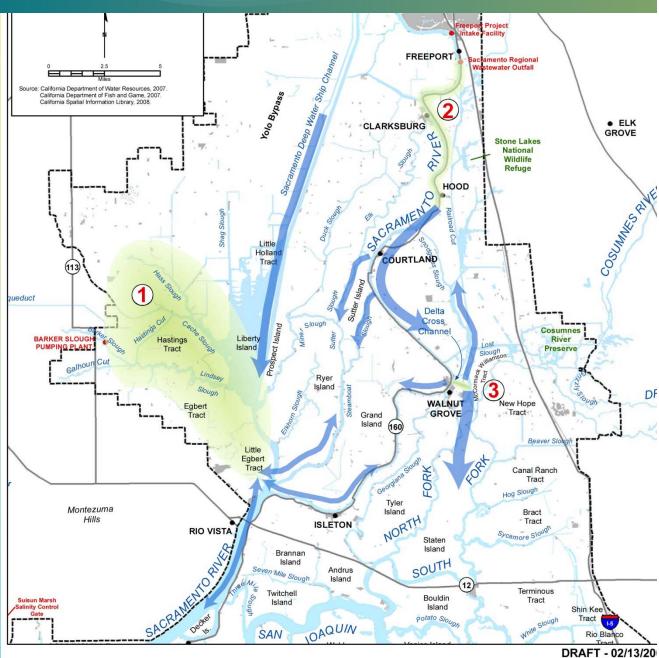


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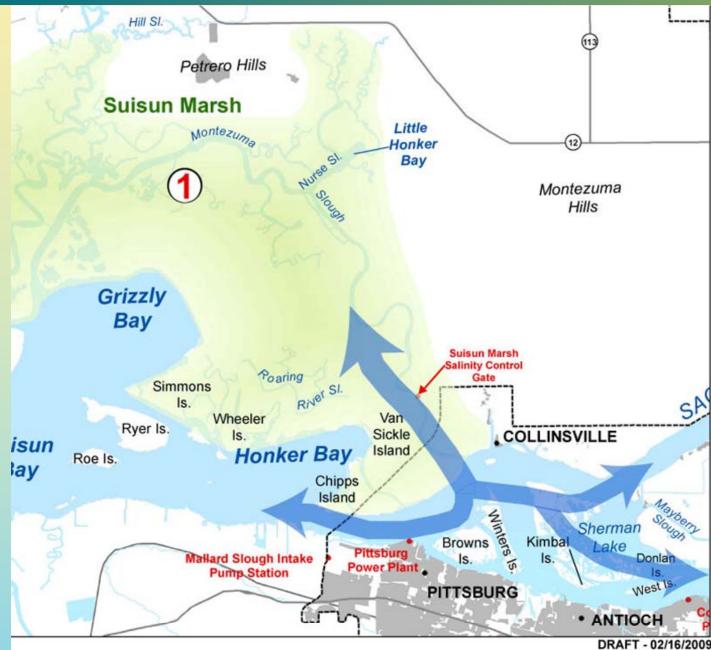
Manage South Delta
 Exports and
 Hydrodynamics



Example #1: integrated conservation measures



Example #2: integrated conservation measures



Creating flows in the Delta that more closely resemble natural patterns while managing water quality

